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If $a, b, c > 0$, then prove that :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{b(a^2 + ab + b^2)} + \sqrt{c(a^2 + ac + c^2)}}{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{ac}} \geq 3\sqrt{a + b + c}.$$

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$\forall A, B, C > 0$, $(A + B)$, $(B + C)$, $(C + A)$ form sides of a triangle

($\because (A + B) + (B + C) > (C + A)$ and analogs) $\Rightarrow \sqrt{A + B}$, $\sqrt{B + C}$, $\sqrt{C + A}$ form sides of a triangle with area F (say) and $16F^2 =$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{cyc} (A + B)(B + C) - \sum_{cyc} (A + B)^2 &= 2 \sum_{cyc} \left(\sum_{cyc} AB + B^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{cyc} A^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} AB \\ &= 6 \sum_{cyc} AB + 2 \sum_{cyc} A^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} A^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} AB \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} AB} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \forall x, y, z > 0, \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2 y^2}{xy(y+z)(z+x)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Via Bergstrom, LHS of } (*) \geq \frac{(\sum_{cyc} xy)^2}{\sum_{cyc} (xy(\sum_{cyc} xy + z^2))} = \frac{(\sum_{cyc} xy)^2}{(\sum_{cyc} xy)^2 + xyz \sum_{cyc} x}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{cyc} xy \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xyz \sum_{cyc} x \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{We have : } \frac{\sqrt{b(b^2 + bc + c^2)} + \sqrt{a(a^2 + ac + c^2)}}{\sqrt{ac} + \sqrt{bc}}$$

$$+ \frac{\sqrt{b(a^2 + ab + b^2)} + \sqrt{c(a^2 + ac + c^2)}}{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{ac}} + \frac{\sqrt{a(a^2 + ab + b^2)} + \sqrt{c(b^2 + bc + c^2)}}{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{ab}}{\sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca}} \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2 + ca + a^2}{b}} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{ca} + \sqrt{ab}} \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{c^2 + ca + a^2}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{c}} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{\sqrt{ca}}{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc}} \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{a}} \right) \\
 & = \frac{x}{y+z} (B+C) + \frac{y}{z+x} (C+A) + \frac{z}{x+y} (A+B) \\
 & \left(\begin{array}{l} x = \sqrt{ab}, y = \sqrt{bc}, z = \sqrt{ca}, \\ A = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{c}}, B = \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{a}}, C = \sqrt{\frac{c^2 + ca + a^2}{b}} \end{array} \right) \\
 & = \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \sqrt{B+C}^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \sqrt{C+A}^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \sqrt{A+B}^2 \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq} \\
 & 4F. \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 & = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{c}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{a}} \right)} \\
 & \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{3ab}{c}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3bc}{a}} \right)} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} b} = 3 \cdot \sqrt{a+b+c} \\
 \therefore & \frac{\sqrt{b(b^2 + bc + c^2)} + \sqrt{a(a^2 + ac + c^2)}}{\sqrt{ac} + \sqrt{bc}} + \frac{\sqrt{b(a^2 + ab + b^2)} + \sqrt{c(a^2 + ac + c^2)}}{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{ac}} \\
 & + \frac{\sqrt{a(a^2 + ab + b^2)} + \sqrt{c(b^2 + bc + c^2)}}{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc}} \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt{a+b+c} \\
 & \forall a, b, c > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Let $x := \sqrt{a}, y := \sqrt{b}, z := \sqrt{c}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{b(a^2 + ab + b^2)} + \sqrt{c(a^2 + ac + c^2)}}{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{ac}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{b \cdot 3ab} + \sqrt{c \cdot 3ac}}{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{ac}} \\
 & = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y^2 + z^2}{y+z} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{y^2 + z^2} \right)^2}{2(x+y+z)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{2 \sum_{cyc} x^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)(x^2 + z^2)}}{2(x + y + z)}$$

$$\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{2 \sum_{cyc} x^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} (x^2 + yz)}{2(x + y + z)} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{3 \sum_{cyc} x^2 + (\sum_{cyc} x)^2}{2(x + y + z)}$$

$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 3\sqrt{a + b + c}.$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.